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To: Members of the House Business and Labor Committee

Subject: HB616 and HJ18

Members of the Committee;

My name is Brad Simshaw and I am a co-owner of Blackfoot River Brewing Company in Helena Montana.

You have under your consideration two proposals, HB616 and HJ18, both which would directly impact my business and the employees of my business. Obviously, I consider the issue before you to be very important, too important to be decided without the due consideration it deserves. Here are my thoughts regarding the two proposals:

HB616: I consider HB616 to be a band aid fix for this important issue. HB616 limits the discussion of this issue and disregards alternative options and ideas.

HJ18: On the other hand, HJ18 will allow for a timely and thoughtful process where ideas and all options can be considered with all affected parties being included.

I urge you to reject the limited options provided in HB616 and support the more comprehensive process that HJ18 will bring to the table. Montana deserves the effort allowed in HJ18 to address this important issue.

Thank you.

Brad Simshaw, Blackfoot River Brewing Company Helena, Montana.